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FOR SISCO FROM CHARGE

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA

REF: STATE 054134

1. I MET WITH MFA DIRGEN FOR AMERICAS ZAKI MARCH 26 TO REQUEST GOP CONCURRENCE FOR DEPSEC VISIT. I EMPHASIZED THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS WE WISH TO KEEP KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT LIMITED TO AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE THIS POINT. ZAKI SAID HE WOULD SEEK CONCURRENCE AT ONCE AND EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

2. BELOW IS SUGGESTED SCHEDULE WHICH WE SHALL NEED TO PUT TO GOP AFTER INCORPORATING YOUR OWN SUGGESTIONS.

APRIL 25

1730 ARRIVE ISLAMABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. POSSIBLE BRIEF MEETING WITH PRESS. (CUSTOMARY FOR VIPS MEET WITH PRESS ON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE.)

1800 ARRIVE AMBASSADOR' S RESIDENCE, ISLAMABAD (1815 ARRIVAL IF PRESS MEETING HELD AT AIRPORT)

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2000 SMALL, INFORMAL DINNER WITH MISSION PERSONNEL AT CHARGE' S RESIDENCE. (IF PRES. BHUTTO SHOULD DESIRE ENTERTAIN DEPSEC, HE MAY VERY WELL PROPOSE DINNER RATHER THAN LUNCH FOLLOWING DAY; HE NORMALLY ESCHEWS REPRESENTATIONAL LUNCHESES.)

APRIL 26

0900 FORMAL INAUGURATION OF NEW EMBASSY CHANCERY. (WE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT NEW CHANCERY ON APRIL 2, BUT I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DEP SEC TO INAUGURATE FORMALLY. HE COULD SPEAK BRIEFLY TO ASSEMBLED AMERICANS.)

0930 DEPART FROM EMBASSY

0945 MEETING WITH FINMIN (MUBASHIR HASAN) AND DEP CHAIRMAN PLANNING COMMISSION (QAMARUL ISLAM) AT SECRETARIAT IN ISLAMABAD. (IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE USG ECONOMIC PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN, MEETING WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.)

1045 DEPART FOR RAWALPINDI

1115 MEET WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AZIZ AHMED).

1200 MEET WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO

1330 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY GOP IN RAWALPINDI. (IF GOP DOES NOT GIVE LUNCHEON, I SHALL HOST.)

1500 FREE TIME

1600 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1630 DEPART FOR NEW DELHI

3. ACCOMMODATIONS: LIZ AND I HOPE DEPSEC AND MRS. RUSH AS WELL AS JEAN AND YOU WILL BE OUR GUESTS AT AMBASSADOR' S RESIDENCE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO OUR OWN RESIDENCE. IF DESIRED, AMBASSADOR' S RESIDENCE CAN ACCOMMODATE MAXIMUM
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OF FOUR PERSONS IN TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, IN ADDITION TO

FOUR PRINCIPALS. WE CAN ADDITIONALLY ACCOMMODATE UP TO
FOUR PERSONS IN TWO ROOMS IN OUR HOUSE. REMAINDER OF
PARTY WILL BE BOOKED IN HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, RAWALPINDI.

4. CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS: DAYTIME TEMPERATURES WILL
PROBABLY BE IN NINETIES WITH PERHAPS TWENTY- DEGREE DECLINE
DURING NIGHT. DUSTY CONDITIONS LIKELY TO PREVAIL.
RECOMMEND LIGHT- WEIGHT CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR WASHINGTON
SUMMER. NO FORMAL DRESS REQUIRED. BUSINESS SUITS
CUSTOMARY LOCAL DRESS FOR EVENING AS WELL AS DAYTIME
FUNCTIONS AND MEETINGS.

5. CONTROL OFFICER: I HAVE APPOINTED POLITICAL OFFICER
W. L. SIMMONS AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT.

6. WE EXPECT SEE PRES AND BEGUM BHUTTO INFORMALLY
MARCH 28. HE WILL HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF VISIT, AND
WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I COULD DISCUSS ANY OF ABOVE WITH
HIM.
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